

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 20th June, 1862.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.—TENDERS are invited for the following Public Works and Supplies. For full particulars see Government Gazette, a copy of which is kept at every post office in the colony.

No tender will be taken into consideration unless the name of the work for which it is intended be written on the cover.

Date to which Tenders can be received at this Office.

Nature of Works and Supplies.

Erection of a Court and Watch House, Coonamble.

Extension of a Telegraph and Post Office, Forbes.

Construction of a Timber Wharf at Wimborne.

Execution of certain Alterations to Court-House, Forbes.

Repairs to Cataract River Dam.

Construction of a Bridge over the Marubara Swamp, Long Bay Road.

Construction of a Stone Bridge for the New Wharf in Wollomooloo Bay Mudgeer Road.

1. Middle River.

2. Orange Pinch.

3. Glen Bullen B. M. A. 30 and 33.

4. Cullen Bullen to Bullo Bullen.

5. Crown Ridge.

6. Cherry Tree Hill Deviation (clearing).

7. Cully's Swamp.

8. Creek between Cudgewong and Mudgeer.

9. Stony Pits.

Site for Public Free Library.

Fencing Fund, Haymarket.

Supply of Building Stone, Maitland Gaol Great Southern Road, 1st District.

6. Paving Slabs, to be supplied to Campbelltown Junction.

7. From 11th to 35th Mile-stone.

8. Construction of eight Culverts Great Southern Road, 2nd District.

9. Bridge to Thompson's Mill.

10. South of Gauden.

11. Rosedale.

12. South of Picton.

13. New Barrage Lock-up.

14. Barrage Lock-up to Baker's.

15. Barrage Lock-up to Great Western Road, 3rd District.

2. Near General Stewart's Gate.

3. Rock's Hill.

4. Mudgeer's Farm to 1st Frederick's Valley.

5. Finsch's Valley to Orange.

6. Ploughman's Creek to Kite's Swamp.

Construction of Barge Bridge.

12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 15th July.

1. Construction of Barge Bridge.

Mr. W. ARNOLD.

ON SALE at the Government Printing Office, Phillip-street North, and by S. GOOLD, Government Agent, 178, corner of Pitt and King streets, the following printed Public Documents:—

Prices per copy.

Government Gazette, 1/- 1/-

Minutes of the Legislative Council, and Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, 1d. per sheet.

BILLS.

Amended Secret Bills of Sale Prevention (115) 0 1 2

Customs (29) 0 1 2

Postage (116) 0 1 2

Queensland Debt (105) 0 1 2

PETITIONS.

Church and School Estates—Liverpool (104)—St.

Pat's, Sydney, (102) each.

Customs and Excise Bill—Coal Miners, Hunter River (101) 0 1

Pitt-street Tramway (100) 0 1

RETURN TO ORDERS.

Pitt-street Tramway (73) 0 1

Blankets for the Aborigines—Distribution (73) 0 1

NEW SOUTH WALES
PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at twenty-seven minutes past three.

THE PROPERTY OF JOHN COCKERELL.

Mr. DRIVER asked the Colonial Secretary, "1. If any inventory was taken of the goods seized upon the premises of John Cockerell, by order of the Government, in the year 1856? 2. By whom was the inventory taken, and on what date? 3. What was the property, if any, which was seized upon the order of the Government? (Is, to whom, and when?) 4. Where and by whom were the seized goods sold? 5. When and for what amount were the goods sold? 6. What amount was paid to Mrs. Cockerell for the support of herself and family? 7. What amount of balance does she now hold in the name of the Government from the proceeds of such sale?"

Mr. COWPER said he had endeavoured to obtain the information required by the hon. member, but owing to the shortness of the notice it was not yet procurable, and the Attorney-General would be requested to postpone a day of a week to enable him to furnish the particulars.

Mr. DRIVER then gave a fresh notice of the question for Friday next.

PETITIONS.

Mr. MORRICE presented a petition from seventy-four inhabitants of the State of New South Wales, various persons, against the withdrawal of the grants in aid of public worship. Petition received.

Mr. HART presented a petition from certain inhabitants of Berriwa, praying that in any legislation on the subject of the Church and School lands, respect may be paid to the trustee for religion and education. Petition received.

Mr. SMART presented a petition from certain inhabitants of Wollongong, praying that the grants in aid of public worship may be continued. Petition received.

Mr. COWPER moved the Secretary for Lands that it be true that there are a number of disputed cases of conditional purchases or free selections in the district of Mudgee, and if so, will the Minister have any objection to state the number of such disputed cases, and the alleged causes thereof?

Mr. ROBERTSON thought this a most extraordinary question, and one that ought not to have been put on the paper. Still, as the information was asked, he must say that he had no knowledge whatever of any such cases of dispute having occurred.

THE POLICE FORCE.

Mr. WILSON asked the Colonial Secretary, "1. If the Government is aware that certain constables at Burragorang refused to be sworn, because they were under the impression that they were to be held responsible for the conduct of the police? 2. Is the Government aware that, on Saturday, 31st ultimo, constables Chincock and Lyons, who had refused to be sworn, were sent with two constables who had taken the oath, to escort prisoners to Yass; and when, then, were they released? 3. Are the constables, deprived of their arms, clothing, etc., and set at liberty? 4. At a moment's notice, sixty-five miles from home? 5. Is it so, under what authority did Captain Battye act?"

Mr. COWPER replied. The Government are aware that certain constables at Burragorang refused to be sworn in under the new Police Act by Captain Battye, but were sent in a similar manner, to result in a complete waste of the public money. He maintained that some of the contracts had not been properly performed. He and some others had been placed on the road from three to seven points of the compass, for the purpose of escorting the convicts to Yass, and for which he had not been paid his wages. He obtained a certificate to the effect that the work had been properly performed. In the name of public justice, and of the welfare of the public, he demanded increased attention to the Western roads. The Southern and Northern roads were in a much worse condition than the roads in the interior, and had not been repaired by Captain Battye, but the rights of the Western district had been trampled on.

Mr. COWPER, laid upon the table copy of a despatch from Immigration Lecturers, Messrs. Parkes and Dally, received by the last mail. The document was ordered to be printed.

POLICE PROTECTION AT ROCKLEY.

Mr. DRIVER asked the Colonial Secretary, "If any and all the steps were taken by the Government, since the 1st day of June last, to afford police protection to the inhabitants of Rockley?"

Mr. COWPER replied that instructions had been given to the superintendent of the Western District to remove the police from the station at Campbell's River to Rockley.

THE TURNA ROAD.

Mr. DRIVER asked the Secretary for Lands, "1. If any and what sum of money has been expended by the Government upon the cross road from the main Turna road, passing through George's Plains to Rockley? 2. Has the said road been duly proclaimed, if not, when will it be proclaimed?"

Mr. ROBERTSON said the road had already been proclaimed, and with the view of saving the sum of £100 had been placed at the head of the road. All he wanted was to ascertain whether the road was in a fit condition to be used.

There had not been sufficient time to ascertain from that authority how much of the amount had been expended.

AUDIT BILL.

Mr. SAMUEL, and the Colonial Treasurer, "Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an Audit Bill during the present session?"

Mr. COWPER asked the Colonial Secretary, "If any and all the steps were taken by the Government, since the 1st day of June last, to enable it to introduce a bill of this kind, situated in this district?"

QUEEN'S WHARF AT MORTPETH.

Mr. HART asked the Colonial Treasurer, "1. Are the Government aware that the Queen's Wharf, Mortpeth, which is situated at the public expense for many years past, is capable of producing a considerable revenue? 2. Is it in contemplation to rent the said wharf, with the land (two acres) belonging thereto?"

Mr. WRENKIN replied. The land at Mortpeth on which the Queen's Wharf is now erected, consisting of about three acres, was originally intended for a wharf, on condition that it should be maintained at public wharf. It is not in contemplation to rent the wharf.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS DECLARATORY BILL.

On the motion of Mr. WILSON, the order for the resumption of the debate on this bill was postponed for a fortnight.

RAVERS' LICENSES AMENDMENT BILL.

On the motion of M. DALGLISH, the Hawkesbury Amendment Bill was read a third time and passed, and transmitted for the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

LICENCED CARRIERS' BILL.

On the order of the day for the second reading of this bill.

Mr. LUCAS expressed his intention of introducing another bill upon the same subject, and therefore moved that the order of the day be discharged from the paper.

Mr. PIDDINGTON considered that the bill was as arbitrary and stringent as the regulations from the Government, and of a moral and a spiritual aspect, and he was glad that the measure had to be withdrawn.

Mr. DANGAR agreed that a bill upon this subject, framed in a proper spirit, was desirable for the protection of the trading community.

Mr. CUMMINGS thought the bill too stringent, but that the measure dealing with the carrier ought to be introduced. The trading interests of the colony required according to some extent, but not by such extremely penal provisions as were contained in this bill.

Mr. RAFFEY considered the penal provisions of this bill quite sufficient for its purpose.

There was nothing further residing in the bill by the local benches of the parties residing in their district.

It was agreed that the order be discharged, and the bill was withdrawn.

POSTPONEMENTS.

Amended Second Bills of State Prevention Bill (second reading) until this day week.

Dr. LANG'S motion for leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the Freehold College in connection with the University of Sydney, and the hon. rev. minister's motion for leave to bring in a bill legalizing the exchange of a small triangular portion of the colony of Tasmania for the Scots' Church, lying on the south side of Tasmania, for a similar triangular portion of the alluvium of the late Sir John Jameson, until this day fortnight.

THE TURNA BRIDGE.

Mr. GORDON moved, "That a bill be laid upon the table of this House—1. Copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Government and Messrs. Readout and Simpson, surveyors, with reference to the property site for the proposed bridge over the Tenterfield Creek; 2. Copies of all petitions of the inhabitants of the colony on the same subject; 3. Copies of all correspondence that has subsequently passed between the Government and the Surveyor-General with respect to the site which has been last determined on." The hon. member said his object was to ascertain the exact site of the proposed bridge, and the operations of the surveyors did not communicate with him.

Mr. WRENKIN agreed that there was no objection to the production of these documents.

THE LIVERPOOL INSURANCE COMPANY.

Mr. COWPER moved, "1. That the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a select committee. 2. That the bill be referred to a select committee of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Holt, Mr. Smart, Mr. Hart, and the mover."

The motion having been seconded, was put and carried.

THE WESTERN ROAD.

The hon. member agreed.

Mr. COWPER asked if the Colonial Secretary had stated that the £300 voted by Parliament for the road had remained unexpended in consequence of the House refusing to vote Mr. Collett's salary?

Mr. COWPER did not say. He had stated that the superseding of Mr. Collett had stopped Mr. Arnold's operations.

Mr. HAY was about to point out the various tendencies of the remarks made by the Colonial Secretary as to the causes which prevented police protection being extended to the important diggings referred to, when he was directed by the Speaker to the question before the House. He thought the state of the country in the neighbourhood of Bathurst, but the whole colony.

Mr. SUTHERLAND said he would be quite ready and willing to vote any specific amount that might be desired for putting the road in a passable condition, but he would not vote any sum more than it stood, as he believed £600 would not be sufficient for the repair of the road.

He thought the state of the country in the neighbourhood of these diggings was disgraceful to the colony, and would be

when he came into this House, had been to bring the subject of this state of the road before his members. The House had dealt with the matter in the usual spirit of justice, and had passed a bill in 1859 to the effect that this line of road should be at once put into a state of thorough repair. And what had been the result of this solemn resolution of the House? Why, so far from complying with it, no notice whatever had been taken of it; and up to the present time, the exception of a few miles, the road was in a state of the same state as it was in when the resolution passed. Neither the great traffic of the district, nor the large population now assembled upon Forbes did not seem in any way to influence this inaction.

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THE SYDNEY MONTHLY OVERLAND MAIL.

BY THE NORTHAM.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY NEWS.
From 21st May, to 21st June, 1862.

Wednesday, 21st May.

Beyond the departure of the mail, there has been no event of importance during the week. Parliament, however, is to assemble on Tuesday next, when the prevailing dullness in the political world will doubtless be dispelled to a great extent.

The gold-fields continue to be very active, still maintaining an average of 15,000 ounces weekly.

At the Sydney District Sessions on Tuesday, an old offender named Joseph Lewis, alias Antonio, was convicted of stealing a valuable watch, belonging to one Edward Gay, and sentenced to five years' hard labour on the roads. On the same day, Mathew Britton, for a like crime, received a similar sentence.

Thomas Traynor, representing the house of Maryanne Broadbent, on Sunday morning, between the hours of one and two a.m., Dora Foley and William Marsden were also sent up for trial for entering the dwelling of Edward W. Cook on the morning of the 10th instant, and stealing from some cutlery, jewellery, and other articles.

The coach conveying the mail to Goulburn met with a mishap midway between Bungendore and Boro. The vehicle, it seems, came in collision with a tree—the concussion being so great that the coachman, and two of the outside passengers, were thrown to the road. The only person seriously hurt was Mr. Hall, of Charnwood, who had some ribs fractured, besides receiving several severe bruises.

Messrs. Nicolas Rowell and James Atkinson have been appointed Trustees of the Branch Savings' Bank at Maitland.

A meeting of confectioners was held at the Emu Inn, on Tuesday evening last, to consider the propriety of petitioning the Government to place an import duty on confectionery and other articles containing a large quantity of sugar. A committee was appointed to draw up a series of resolutions on the subject, which are to be submitted to a future meeting.

A correspondent, writing from Culebra on the 30th ultimo, gives an account of a fatal murder committed by five aborigines in that district. The victim was a man named Bruce. A German who was travelling in his company at the time escaped, after a desperate struggle, but was terribly maimed and cut with a tomahawk.

It is said that Mr. De Cohn has received authority, on behalf of the Gold-Cultivation Company, to select 2000 acres of land in Hodges' line of road, between Berrima and Kiama.

The telegraph line to Wollongong is nearly completed, and it is expected that the district will be in direct communication with the metropolis within a couple of weeks.

A man named John Knowles was killed on Wednesday week near Albany by the capsizing of a small steamer Madras, which left on Thursday, took 5940 ounces of gold and 400 sovereigns.

A valuable shipment of young rams has just reached Sydney. They are seventy in number, and belong to Captain Trenton, who purposed taking them to Queensland.

An infant named Alan A. Quesley, aged six months, met its death on Monday, from scalding. The child was seated by some accident got overturned and fell, upsetting a kettle of boiling water over the child. The little sufferer only survived for four-and-twenty hours.

On Tuesday night an old man named Daniel Johnson died in the Infirmary from injuries received by his clothes catching fire while he lay asleep under the influence of liquor.

Manuel Flores, a native of Manila, was committed for trial on Wednesday on a charge of stabbing one Asuncion, a local boy, during a quarrel, on board which vessel prisoner also served as a cook.

The Volunteers of the Hunter River district have challenged their brethren of the Sydney Battalion to a series of rifle matches at all the usual distances. It is likely the proposal will be accepted as soon as the Birthday celebration is over.

Several memorials have been presented to the Government, asking for a reduction of the import duty on William Spicer for rioting at Burragorang some time back. Nothing is said of the other prisoner, Owen, convicted and sentenced for a like offence.

The contract for the extension line to Penrith has been given to Mr. J. Gibbons—the successful tenderer. Mr. T. Dixon, having thrown up the contract from inability to secure the use of the Government plant on the work.

Arrangements have been made for establishing a penny bank at Waverley.

Mr. Henry Alderson, an old and respected resident of the Clarence River District, died recently at Grafton from inflammation of the lungs.

Meers, Dean and Co. sold on Thursday, on behalf of the Government, leases for five years of various forfeited and vacated runs situated in the Clarence, Macleay, Bligh, Wellington, Albert, Warrego, Murray, and Gwydir districts. The attendance was very large, and the bidding in some cases exceedingly keen. The total amount realised was at the rate of £1738 per annum for five years.

The return for April has just been issued. The births for the month numbered 190; the deaths 160.

23rd to 30th May.

The celebration of the 43rd anniversary of the reign of King George IV. on the 22nd of the month, constitutes the most remarkable event of the week. Of the former we need only say that it was right royally carried out. The grand review of the Volunteers drew together an immense assemblage, and the ceremonial passed off with great zest. The proceedings in Parliament have not far been very important, but next week the business will commence in earnest: the notice paper containing a long list of important bills, and orders of the day.

A fire broke out in the Clarence Quay at an early hour on Saturday morning, resulting in the complete destruction of the wooden building formerly used as an ice-house.

A miner, named Henry Carr, was killed in one of the coal-tunnels at Newcastle on Friday week, by the falling of a mass of coal under which he was at work.

From the last report of the cattle inspector (Mr. Bruce) it would appear that puerperal fever is still decreasing in the country for 100 miles along the Murray being reported clear from the disease. The inspector had left to make a report on the country below Albury.

A deputation of the provisional directors of the Botany Railway Company had an interview with the Minister of Works on Friday week, for the purpose of obtaining permission from the Government for the traction of the private company to run upon a portion of the Fassifern line. Mr. Arnold represented generally that the Government would be disposed to favour the company, but he could not at present commit himself to any arrangement.

An association has been formed in Sydney, under the name of the "Home Visiting and Relief Society," the object of which is the affording temporary relief to persons of the more middling class who, from accident or misfortune, are taken by distress.

Mr. James Dickey, M.L.C., represented the Volunteers of East and West Maitland, Maitland, and Newcastle, on the Queen's Birthday, at his private residence, at Newtown. Upwards of 100 persons sat down to a sumptuous dinner.

Mr. John D. Ewing, lately landlord of the Golden Fleece Inn, Bathurst, was drowned on the evening of the 26th ultimo, by falling into a well at the rear of his own premises. It is supposed that he fell in by accident in the act of drawing water. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of "found drowned."

A young man named Thomas Grimes was severely injured lately by a horse falling with him while engaged in driving in cattle at Murrurundi.

The Lachlan Observer states that the tent of a man named Charles Ham, recently buried by three armed men, who after beating up the inmates, took from them £10 in money and a milner's right.

The Court of Equity has granted an injunction re-

Germans near the camp, on Saturday last.

It is said that Mr. R. M. Isaacs, barrister-at-law, has been appointed to proceed to the French Islands to inquire into charges that have been made against Mr. Fritchard, H. M. Consul at that place. Mr. Isaacs will leave shortly by H. M. S. Miranda.

The Lachlan Miner speaks in high terms of the Lachlan gold-field, mentioning amongst other things, the departure of some men who have each netted about £6000 in the course of a few months. These men occupied one of the claims that are known as golden holes.

A wine exhibition, representing the return and development of Banks and Wills, with other like models, is at present on view in Sydney. It is highly spoken of, and the figures are said to be very correct likenesses of the originals.

Several accidents have occurred during the week.

On Sunday night a man named Rutherford fell into the harbour while trying to walk on board the steamer William IV. at the mouth of the Hunter; he was brought ashore at the time. On Monday a young woman named Popel was fatally injured by her clothes taking fire while she was engaged in washing at her employer's residence, Watson's Bay. She was removed to the Sydney Infirmary. On the same day a little boy was accidentally stabbed in the back by a playfellow, and had also to be removed to the Infirmary for medical aid.

At a special meeting of the general committee of the Benevolent Society, held on Monday, Dr. Rowbotham, a retired medical officer, and Mr. S. W. Mansfield, drapier, stockkeeper, and visitor to out-pensioners.

At the Yass Quarter Sessions, on the 21st May, James Downey was tried for robbing Messrs. Hewitt and Horrington of gold and money amounting to £1565 on the 10th March, at Wombat. The evidence was not very clear against the prisoner, who was therefore acquitted.

The coach conveying the mail to Goulburn met with a mishap midway between Bungendore and Boro. The vehicle, it seems, came in collision with a tree—the concussion being so great that the coachman, and two of the outside passengers, were thrown to the road. The only person seriously hurt was Mr. Hall, of Charnwood, who had some ribs fractured, besides receiving several severe bruises.

Messrs. Nicolas Rowell and James Atkinson have been appointed Trustees of the Branch Savings' Bank at Maitland.

A meeting of confectioners was held at the Emu Inn, on Tuesday evening last, to consider the propriety of petitioning the Government to place an import duty on confectionery and other articles containing a large quantity of sugar. A committee was appointed to draw up a series of resolutions on the subject, which are to be submitted to a future meeting.

A correspondent, writing from Culebra on the 30th ultimo, gives an account of a fatal murder committed by five aborigines in that district. The victim was a man named Bruce. A German who was travelling in his company at the time escaped, after a desperate struggle, but was terribly maimed and cut with a tomahawk.

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The Legislative Council Chamber began to fill from before half past eleven o'clock. It was understood that Lady Young would be present, but his Excellency and suite were on this occasion alone, and the applications to the Usher of the Black Rod for cards had been more than usually pressing. Before twelve o'clock, every available space in the body of the House was occupied by ladies, who on this occasion held possession of the room on the right and left of the chair, usually occupied by Clerks, dignitaries, judges, military and naval officers, consultants and forth.

At twelve o'clock the President entered the Chamber, and there were then fifteen members present.

The proclamation concerning Parliament "for the despatch of business" having been read by the Clerk.

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The following Speech was read by his Excellency the Governor:—

"HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—

"1. In meeting you in Parliament on the present occasion, it is my painful duty to announce the news that has been sustained by Her Majesty, and the whole British Empire, in the sad news and premature death of his Royal Highness the Prince Consort. This melancholy event, which took place at Windsor Castle on the 14th December last, has been officially communicated by a despatch from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle. The character and virtues of the illustrious Prince, whose loss we in common with the whole nation, so deeply deplore, will, I am persuaded, induce you to join with your fellow-subjects in the fervent expression of your royal sympathy with Her Most Gracious Majesty under this affliction dispensation.

"2. The season of the year at which you are now called together is obviously the most appropriate for the despatch of the Parliamentary business of the country, and I feel much satisfaction in opening the session sufficiently early to afford reasonable time for the transacting of public business before the arrival of the summer months.

"3. I congratulate you upon the prosperity and encouraging prospect of the colony. Trade and commerce are in a flourishing and healthy condition.

"4. The gold-field at the Lachlan, which has already yielded large returns, promises to become still more productive. In order to maintain regular communication with that district during the winter months and ensure to that populous population which has been attracted into that remote district a continuous supply of the necessities of life, it is evident that a considerable expenditure should be incurred. A special application will be immediately made to you for that purpose, and for otherwise facilitating traffic with the interior.

"5. The great advantage which will arise to the public service from having the business of the various departments of Government conducted in immediate contiguity with each other, renders it a matter of importance that the session should be made to commence with the earliest possible date, in order to facilitate the erection of new Houses of Parliament and Public Offices, in accordance with the design which has been already approved by the Legislature. A proposition will be made to you to appropriate a sum for this service.

"6. The question of unrestrictive commercial intercourse between New South Wales and the adjoining colonies has long engaged the attention of this Government, and the setting up of posts and telegraphs in the border districts renders an early adjustment very desirable. It is with much gratification that I inform you that the importance of this subject is now becoming more generally recognized, and that the Government of South Australia has sought the co-operation of this colony in the appointment of a commission of representatives from the various Australian colonies, to consider and report on the question of a general law which will form the basis of an arrangement by which each colony will receive that proportion of the revenue to which it is equitably entitled. I recommend the subject to your attentive consideration.

"7. GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

"7. The Estimates for the year 1863 will be submitted to you without delay.

"8. I have much pleasure in informing you that the Revenue continues to improve.

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"9. I have been favoured with the opinion of the Crown Law Officers of England upon the question of the Church and School Estates, a copy of which shall be laid before you. A Bill will be presented to you with a view of determining by legislation the disposal of these lands.

"10. The Bill for the adjustment of the outstanding account between this colony and Queensland will also be brought under the consideration of Parliament.

"11. Bills for placing the Constitution of the Legislative Council on an elective basis, for abolishing State-aid to Religion, for the better maintenance and establishment of schools for elementary education, for regulating the transfer of land, for the amendment of Municipality Act, for consolidating and amending the law of Insolvency, the criminal law of the colony, the Customs laws, and the postage Acts, for regulating dividing fences, for regulating the impounding of cattle for registering cattle brands, for regulating the coal-fields, for authorising leases on agricultural crops and produce, and for other matters of great practical interest, will also be submitted to you.

"12. I earnestly pray that the blessing of the Almighty may attend your counsels, and that He may guide you to the advancement of the welfare and happiness of the people whose interests are committed to your care."

His Excellency left the House at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock. The Speaker and members of the Assembly also quitted the Chamber.

The Council then adjourned to four o'clock, and the Assembly dispersed.

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The Royal assent to the Claims against the Crown Bill, which had been reserved, was intimated to the House by the President.

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The Governor's annual ball was given last night at Government House.

Parliament was opened on the 27th of May, by Sir John Young. The vice-regal speech alluded to the death of the Prince Consort, congratulated Parliament on the prospects of the colony, and mentioned some of the measures that would be introduced.

A bill to abolish State aid to Religion has been read a first time in the Assembly. It proposes that the endowment to the clergy shall die out with the present recipients.

The Dividing Fences Bill has been read a second time in the Assembly.

The Legislative Council has decisively rejected a bill to indemnify the Government for proceedings taken against the Municipalities of 1858, and which the judges pronounced illegal.

A resolution for the recall of the Emigration Lecturers has been passed in the Assembly.

The Government have advertised for tenders for leasing the railways.

Sir M. Petrie and Co.'s contract for the extension of the Western Railway has been completed.

The Commissioners appointed to enquire into the working of the Post and Telegraph offices, and the inspection of the country post-offices, a penny postage on newspapers, an increase of the country postage rate from two-pence to four-pence; and the extension of the Postmaster-General's office into a Cabinet situation.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kemp, Mr. Rolleston, and Mr. M. F. Haase, have been appointed by Sir John Young to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Pitchford, the Attorney-General at Fiji, and have proceeded thither in H. M. S. Misanda.

The Lachlan diggings continue to produce large quantities of gold. A few miners have realised large fortunes, but the majority are unsuccessful.

The armed escort was attacked on the 15th instant, by a party of bushrangers, between Forbes and Orange, and two of the constables, one, were wounded, and the whole of the gold, cash, and bank notes, valued at £14,000, were taken. The majority of police and settlers are in pursuit of the villains, who were about thirteen in number. A reward of £1000 and free pardon is offered for procuring the conviction of the robbers.

Daniel Dunstan, accountant at the Telegraph office, has absconded with nearly £1000 of the public money.

The arrival from England have been—Caroline Coventry, Polinaise, Sebastian Cabot, J. L. Hall, and Star of Hope.

The Carrington and Rutherford have sailed for London. The Clermont and the Stratford are loading.

The Customs revenue for the month of May amounted to £62,046. The escort receipts during the same month amounted to £5800 ounces.

The Banks are drawing on London at 60 days' sight at 1½ per cent.

POLITICAL SUMMARY.

PARLIAMENT was opened on the 27th of May by Sir John Young, after a recess of four months. The session has commenced this year at the proper season, and promises (unless the career of the Assembly should be cut short by a dissolution) to terminate in time to allow of the Appropriation Act being passed before the end of the year.

The frequent political crisis, has not occurred for several years. During the four weeks which have elapsed since the session commenced, several important measures have been introduced and discussed; and although there has been a large amount of political discussion, it has been evinced to proceed with due caution.

By adopting the tactics that have hitherto proved successful, the Government manage to obtain a majority in the Assembly.

The bill, has been read a first time in the Assembly on the motion of Mr. Robertson.

Soon after the session commenced, a motion was made by Mr. Robertson for the recall of the emigration lecturers—M. Neave, Parkes and Dally. The reason stated by Mr. Robertson for bringing the question before the House, was that the resolution under which the lecturers were appointed, having originated in the Assembly, the responsibility of their recall should rest with that House. The opinions expressed respecting the manner in which the lecturers had exercised their commissions were somewhat at variance, but they were mostly favourable in their character; the prevailing sentiment however caused having conspired to prevent its success. The motion was carried by a large majority, and letters terminating the engagements of the lecturers are sent home by the mail.

Mr. Martin, who, in company with several of the members of the late Assembly, was rejected by the Sydney electors, during the popular agitation on the land question, is again a candidate for the Legislature, having received a numerously signed requisition to represent the town of Orange, the seat for which is now vacant.

THE ESCORTS.

The Western, Southern, and Northern Escorts have arrived during the week from the Royal Mint at Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint the following quantities of gold:

From Sofala, 922 ovs 16 dwt; Bathurst, 872 ovs 19 dwt 10 grs; Margrave, 267 ovs 1 t 7 dwt 18 grs; Tambaroora, 328 ovs 16 dwt; Total, 2300 ovs 1 t 7 dwt 15 grs.

From New South Wales, 1133 ovs 2 dwt 12 grs; Sydney, 1133 ovs 2 dwt 12 grs; Hunter, 62 ovs 10 dwt 4 grs; Adelong, 317 ovs 4 dwt 12 grs; Gundagai, 62 ovs 10 dwt 4 grs; Tumbarumba, 1133 ovs 2 dwt 12 grs.

Northern, 12 ovs 1 t 7 dwt 18 grs; Hawkesbury River, 92 ovs 3 dwt; Tamworth, 91 ovs 2 dwt; Scone, 317 ovs 2 dwt.

From Western, 192 ovs 18 dwt; Bathurst, 877 ovs 19 dwt 19 grs; Margrave, 267 ovs 1 t 7 dwt 18 grs; Tambaroora, 328 ovs 16 dwt; Total, 2300 ovs 1 t 7 dwt 15 grs.

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TO CAPITALISTS.—PARTNERSHIP Wanted.—As a motto, when a man has legitimate work, and fails to get them supplied through the public medium, he is bound to do it himself, with the satisfaction, conscious himself that he fails not in the object of his search for want of perseverance.

Now we, the proprietors and founders of "The Old House" in Pitt-street, having secured a large sum of our capital, and having received a large sum of our debts, are desirous of joining a moneyed partner, with a view of amalgamating our already well established business with some other of an expansive nature.

In testimony of our wants and capabilities, we will furnish other evidence than the unbounded success and world-wide renown we have achieved for "The Old House" during the brief period we have sojourned in this sunny clime.

On our arrival, the business of the basket-maker was a nullity; a local habitation or a name." Such a thing as a ready-made basket was unknown. Our business principles were to keep a commanding stock, and, through the columns of the Press, let the public know where they could get a basket supplied by us. By this means we revolutionised the trade, and prepared for ourselves a famous basket-makers, which has spread the length and breadth of the Australian, till no storekeeper considers his stock complete without a good supply of Wiley and Son's baskets.

We have, in a short space of time, given a name to the article, and diffused an air of general utility, and of an imperishable nature, from Land's End to Land's End.

But, like all business men, we have an expansive mind, and although we enjoy the patronage of all who need basketware, from Household to the north and south, Addiscombe, and the like, "The Old House" too has been a channel for our indomitable, and trust, laudable ambition.

Like Alexander the Great, we have it all, but find all is not enough.

In truth, had we commenced our career in any other business more expansive than our own, we should, by this time, have made a fortune, instead of a fortune, to sit in a making basket.

Baskets last so long; and, what is more unpropitious, our patrons expect them to last for ever. We are frequently addressed "Mr. Wiley, the basket man," by my hand, and I only hope that the other day, when I was addressed "Mr. Wiley, the basket man" or more, another will not say "Mr. Wiley, the basket is out of my basket; I only bought it of you when you were over the way," just five years since.

Others of our patrons we do not see once in seven years, for nothing is so time-honoured as baby's cradle.

The "Old House" is a well-known name in Sydney. The first Saturday we were in Sydney we purchased a pair of boots. On Sunday, the boots were no longer on than the heels were off. On Monday we sought satisfaction of the trespass; there was not one in the shop save the shopkeeper, who, with a smile, said "I am sorry, but the simplicity of truth. "Please Sir, something the heels comes off before the gentlemen leave the shop."

Not literally, but figuratively, this is just such a business as we want. Where the goods are consumed as soon as they are purchased, in other words, we wish to amalgamate our present business with some other of more general consumption.

We place our wants thus prominently before all who have the means and the disposition to fill up the vacuum, satisfied that, a large sum of money is required.

We possess the two great essentials to business success, viz., a name known wherever the colonial Press is in circulation; and a business corner—the Old House—henceforth to be known as "Pest's Corner." Pitt and Park streets, and our present corner, are the only two streets in Sydney to which we can adduce, with any show of reason, that our own taste, with whom perseverance is a pleasure, and failure but the harbinger of success—who is willing to share the patronage we have been enjoying in our own camp, with any other he may be willing to suggest and assist to support—we shall be happy to trust.

JOHN S. SADDLE AND HARNESS STABLES, Pitt-street South.

